

Support the Reintroduction of the Oriental White Stork!

Eat and Contribute



We serve Stork Farmed Rice for school lunches every day. Children consume 135 million rice balls per year.



Spreading the Stork Friendly Farming Method



Consumers increase, which in turn promotes an increase of rice paddies which use Stork Friendly Farming methods.

Donation to the Stork Fund



Many companies, groups, and tourists donate to the Toyooka City Storks Fund. Please ask the Oriental White Storks Division about how you can support the fund.

The Stork Fund is used to create an environment in which storks can live easily and a community in which storks can also live.

Support of Regeneration of Nature Activities



This fund is used to support groups which work towards the regeneration of nature.

Protection of the Habitat



This fund is used to manage wetlands in which various creatures cultivate.

Corporate Social Responsibility Activities by companies

Companies who care about supporting the reintroduction of storks through the Oriental White Stork's project for children, adults, and citizen's group who are making wetlands in Toyooka.



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Expansions in the Reintroduction of the Oriental White Stork Project

The project is to reintroduce the Oriental White Storks in Toyooka city. It is a unique and magnificent project in the wild. These once extinct storks were to breed in captivity and then reintroduced to a human habitat. This purpose was served through endless hours, effort and costs to Toyooka City.

Carry Out Promise for the Storks

We decided how could raise the once extinct storks in captivity with a promise to them. We would put the storks in a cage that they would be eventually uncaged and, "we will, one day, bring you back to the wild." We must fulfil our promise!

Contribute to Internationally Wide Projects to Conserve Species.

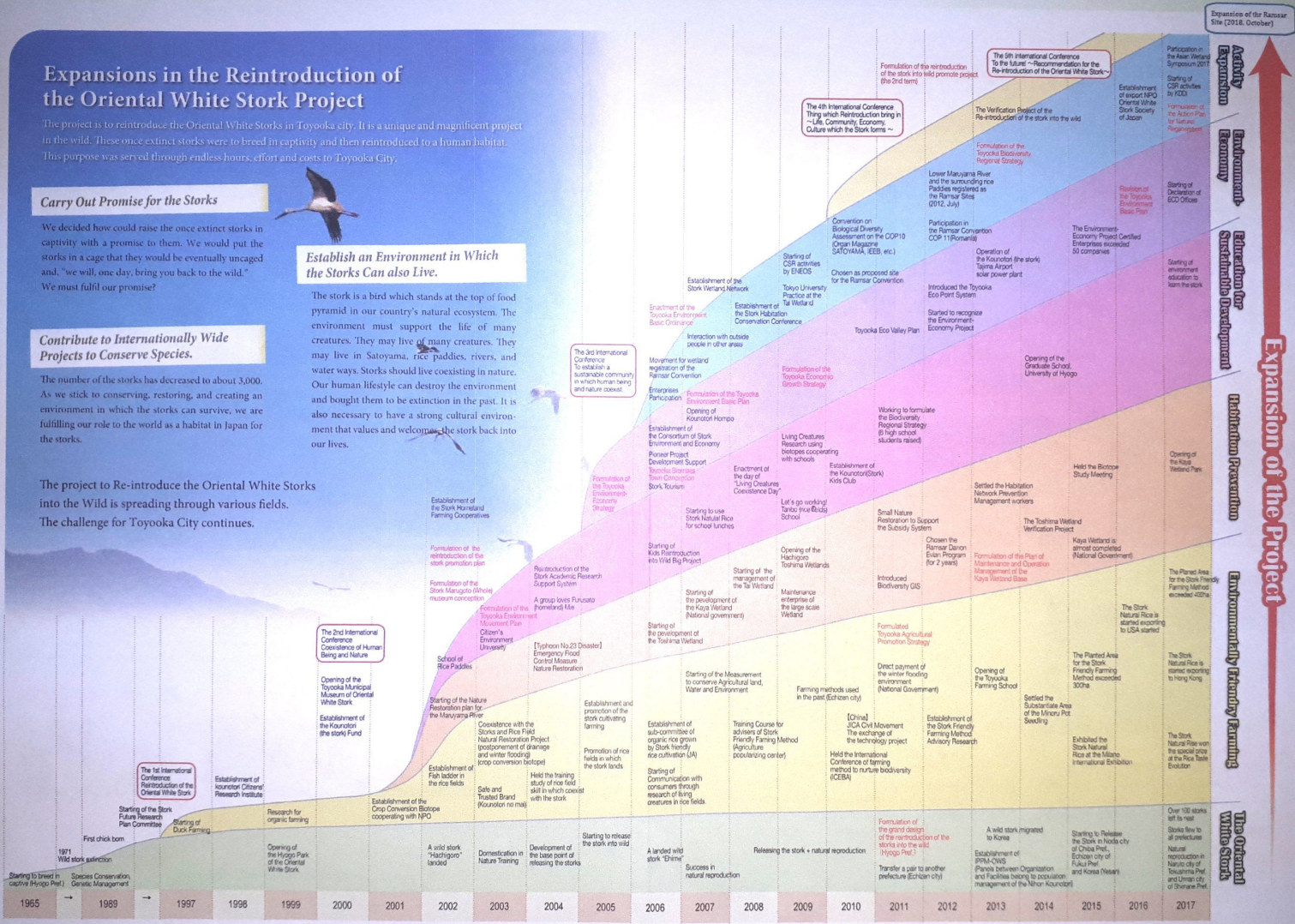
The number of the storks has decreased to about 3,000. As we stick to conserving, restoring, and creating an environment in which the storks can survive, we are fulfilling our role to the world as a habitat in Japan for the storks.

The project to Re-introduce the Oriental White Storks into the Wild is spreading through various fields. The challenge for Toyooka City continues.

Establish an Environment in Which the Storks Can also Live.

The stork is a bird which stands at the top of food pyramid in our country's natural ecosystem. The environment must support the life of many creatures. They may live of many creatures. They may live in Satoyama, rice paddies, rivers, and water ways. Storks should live coexisting in nature. Our human lifestyle can destroy the environment and bought them to be extinction in the past. It is also necessary to have a strong cultural environment that values and welcomes the stork back into our lives.

Expansion of the Project



Year	Activity Expansion	Environment	Education for Sustainable Development	Habituation Preservation	Environmentally Friendly Farming	The Oriental White Stork
1955	Starting to breed in captive Hyogo Pref.					
1956	Species Conservation Genetic Management					
1957	Starting of Duck Farming					
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Habitation Preservation

For the stork to survive, it is necessary to have wetlands in which a lot of living creatures can live. In Toyooka we are working on to preserve their habitat to create waterside environment which become the storks habitat.



Hachigoro Toshima Wetland



We maintained "Hachigoro Toshima Wetland" which we named after a wild stork named "Hachigoro". Chicks are continuously hatched on the artificial nest tower in this wetland since 2008.

Community Center ▶



Kaya Wetland / Kaya Waterside Park

It is located near the junction of the Maruyama River and Izushi River and created various wetlands using the river-bed. We aim to create symbolic space in which living creatures and human being co-exist, working with the National Government, communities and so on.



Maruyama River

Working with the flood management policy, nature restoration is promoted to create many shallows along the river-bed.



Tai Wetland

Ever since storks started to fly to "Tai wetland", the people of Tai district with the cooperation of various entities such as researchers, enterprise and NPO are maintaining this area as "bright wetland".



Rice Paddy Biotope

Increasing feeding place for the stork, making biotopes in each place using the fallow rice paddies. Scattered biotope is useful as a corridor connecting the two wetlands. Areas are expanded for living creatures to come and go.

Lower Maruyama River and the surrounding rice paddies are worked on the restoration of the lost ecosystem and activities to co-exist with the stork, cooperating with citizen, groups, enterprises, government and so on. These activities were recognized registered at the Ramsar Convention as the international valuable wetland in July, 2012. In addition, the Ramsar site was expanded in October, 2018. (total area: 1,094 ha)

